Upgradation of National Highways in North-Eastern Region

2815. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of National Highways newly sanctioned/constructed during the period from the 1st March, 2000 to 1st March, 2006 all over the country;

(b) the length of the same in the North-Eastern Region;

(c) the demands pending from the North-Eastern States for taking up new projects of NHs and for upgrading the existing ones; and

(d) the steps being taken to make up the backlog in NER in respect of roads and bridges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The development of National Highways is taken up under various schemes. The completed lengths of these schemes of development of National Highways during the period from 1st April, 2000 to 1st March, 2006, entrusted to the State Governments and Border Roads Organisation are at Statement-I (*See* below) 5504 kms. of National Highways have been developed by National Highways Authority of India under National Highways Development Project during the period from 1st March, 2000 to 1st March 2006.

(b) The completed lengths of various schemes of development of National Highways during the period from 1st April, 2000 to 1st March, 2006, entrusted to the State Governments and Border Roads Organisation in the North-Eastern region are at Statment-II (*See* below). National Highways Authority of India has developed 18 km. in the State of Assam during the period from 1st March 2000 to 1st March 2006.

(c) No proposal for upgradation of existing National Highways from North-Eastern States is pending as on 31.03.2006, the close of Financial Year 2005-06.

(d) 678 kms. of National Highways in the East-West corridor of NHDP have been taken up for four laning, by National Highways Authority of India in the State of Assam. Besides, 1246 km. of National Highways have been identified for four laning under NHDP Phase-III. The Ministry has also formulated the development of 3251 km. of National Hiwhays under Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for North-East (SARDP-NE).

Statement-I

Length of National Highways developed by State Governments and BRO in the country during the period from 1st April, 2000 to 1st March, 2006

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme	Length (in Km.)
1	Widening to two lanes	3986
2	Strengthening of existing weak pavement	4725
3	Widening to four lanes	210
4	Improvement of riding quality programme (IRQP)	16811
5	Improvement of low grade sections	771

Note: The above figures are from 1st April, 2000 (*i.e.* 2000-2001) as the records are maintained for the entire financial year.

Statement-II

Length of National Highways developed in the North-Eastern Region from 1st March, 2000 to 1st March, 2006

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme	Length (in Km.)
1	Widening to two lanes	180
2	Strengthening of existing weak pavement	346
3	Widening to four lanes	4
4	Improvement of low grade sections	101
5	Improvement of riding quality programme (IRQP)	1143

Note: The above figures are from 1st April, 2000 (*i.e.* 2000-2001) as the records are maintained for the entire financial year.

Funds allocation for Golden Quadrilateral

2816. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any road development map recently;